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A PERSONAL NOTE: Fred Foy is being honored at the Radio Hall of Fame in Chicago on November 18th. Congratulations. This edition is going out early so that you can get updated convention information in time.

REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The Third Supplement to the Revised Ultimate History is available for \$4.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. Supplement #1, 2 and 3 are \$15 plus \$2.00 P&H. #2 and 3 are \$11.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. The complete book including all 3 supplements is \$58 plus \$4 P&H.

The Third Supplement of the Necrology is also available for \$2.00. The complete Necrology is \$14.00 which includes all three supplements.

CONVENTION 2000 (Our 25th): Update on flyer.

For our 25th Convention, we are asking members to send in short articles about their favorite and meaningful experiences in previous conventions. These will be put in our convention booklet. You can e-mail or mail them in (camera ready). They should be less than one page so we can put in as many as possible. Lee Munsick did one last year. I need it by October 1.

CONVENTION 1999: Convention Booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. FOTR Chip clips which we gave out to all registrants are available for \$1.55 including P&H.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: Jot 'em Down Journal, Aug; articles about the 16th NLAS Convention; Barbara Fuller...NARA News, Summer; articles about Rudy Vallee; Chester Lauck; Uncle Dave Macon; Rexall Family Druggist; Why Soap Operas; Recording OTR in the Digital Domain; Religious Broadcasting...Radio Recall; Aug; articles about Captain Midnight's Decoders; OTR Clubs and the Internet; Radio's Lady Crime fighters...Chattanooga Airwaves, Jul – Aug; More on Radio's Greatest Moments...Return With Us Now, Aug; More on Radio's Greatest Moments; information about the death of John Adams, founding member of RHAC...Sep; Radio's Greatest Moments... Radiogram, Aug; article about "Keep 'em Rolling."...RadioActive, Aug; more about popular music and news radio format...Radio Rascal, Aug; second issue; information about Steve Allen and Arthur Godfrey. Information under catalogs and new shows...Old-time Radio Digest, Summer; articles about Big Jon and Sparkie (1973); more current science fiction programs; comic strip comedy on radio...The International Jack Benny Fan Club is alive and well. Contact for details Ron Russell, Box 854, Lodi, CA 95241 <Jacksgang@lycos.com>. Working with Ron is Don Meno. First issue of newsletter available (Sep – Oct. dues are \$5 a year.) (also see Clubs and Organization)...The Times of Kate Smith, Summer; information about Ebay and purchasing through them...RCA Newsletter, Jul; articles about Rudy Vallee and the end of WMAQ...Tradition, Jul – Aug; articles about Hank Williams; future of Bluegrass music...Space-O-Gram, Sep; more about space heroes.

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>. Greenwood Publishing Group (Box 5007, West-

port, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 79 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...**This Was Radio** by Ron Lackmann; Published by Great American Audio in 2000 (1-914-576-7660). Cost is \$39.93 for this 66-page coffee table sized book. It is a narrative about radio with many pictures (many rare) and 2 CD's...**The Encyclopedia of American Radio** by Ron Lackmann. This is an updated version of **Same Time - Same Station** by Ron. It is Published by Facts on File in 2000 (1-800-322-8755). It is \$18.95 for the paperback edition. It features more than 1000 alphabetical entries on the all the major radio programs to today. Both these books by Ron Lackmann will be on sale at a discount at our convention.

CONVENTIONS:

25th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 19 - 22 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

17th Annual SPERDVAC Convention, Nov 10 - 12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, LA. More details later.

15th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, Apr 20 - 21, 2001 at the Radisson Hotel in Cincinnati. Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (606) 282-0333

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...To get on Charlie Summers Old Radio Mailing list email <oldradio-request @oldradio.net>: Charlie's mailing list is a moderated one dedicated to Old Radio between the 1920's and the end of 1962...**Danny Goodwin** <dg125gra@earthlink.net>.

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mghmemories.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <otrsite.com/kneebone>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html> ...**Australian Film and Sound** <Screenound.gov.au>...**Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>.. **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>...**Jack Benny Fan Club** <http://Jacksgang.tripod.com/IJBFC/>...**Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia>...**Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: I heard from Laura Leff, original founder 20 years ago of the International Jack Benny Fan Club. Her e-mail address is Jackbenny@aol.com. Her Web site is <www.Jackbenny.org>. There seems to be some discrepancy between the use of the name (International Jack Benny Fan club) by Ron and Don. For details see her web site.

LOGS: **Randy Eidemiller** and **Chris Lembesis** have updated their log of **Quiet Please**. All Storylines are now included. All scripts of missing shows are also available. Cost is \$15. Write to Randy Eidemiller, 7700 Lampson Ave. #37, Garden Grove, CA 92841...**The Boston Blackie Log** is updated. Cost is \$5 for detailed listing of all shows available. I am selling this log written by Charles Laughlin, Arlene Osborne and Al Hubin

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** #23 Bayhill Shopping Center,

San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445)...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Rainy Day Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**Travis Conner**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 <connertm@cinternet.net>...**John Barber**, 1318 Dauphine St., New Orleans, LA 70116... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin2@compuserve.com>...**John Cooper** Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>...**Gordon Payton (The Scifi Guy)**, #114 E Cuthbert Blvd., Westmont, NJ 08108 <thescifiguy@juno.com>...**Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>...**BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <platecap@brcradio.com> <www.brcradio.com>...**Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042

All listings below list sampling of shows. **John Barber**, more cassettes, comics, books and scripts; John has started a fanzine called The Radio Rascal. Send John a SASE for the first copy...**Great American Radio**; Suspense; Lux; This is Your FBI

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **P H Howatt**, 862 Springland Dr., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1V 6L4...**Danny Goodwin**, RR 3 Box 844, Lincoln, ME...**Peter Kenney**, Box 62, Weymouth, MA 02191.. **Bob Smith**, 232 Atlantic St., Bridgeton, NJ 08302...**Jane Irwin**, 1436 Wogan Rd., York, PA 17403

IN FOND MEMORY: **Harold Nicholas**, Jul 3, 79; One of the dancing Nicholas Brothers; on radio on Horn and Hardart Children's Hour...**Loretta Young**, Aug 12, 87; Many Lux and Family Theater...**Don Ettlinger**, Aug 7, 86; writer (FBI in Peace and War)...**Alex Guinness**, Aug 5, 86; British actor (Kaleidoscope)...**Ernestine Baer** (Parley's wife), Aug 8 (Parley is now 86; still recovering from his stroke) ...**Lucille Fletcher**, Aug 31, 88; Writer (Sorry Wrong Number; The Hitchhiker); attended our convention...**Laurence Menkin**, Jul 18, 88; writer (Lone Ranger, Green Hornet)...**Clint Comerford**, Sep 3, 78; writer (Jack Kirkwood).

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970.

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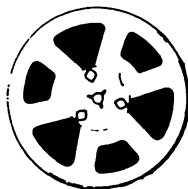
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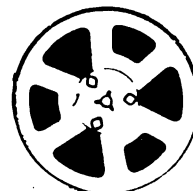
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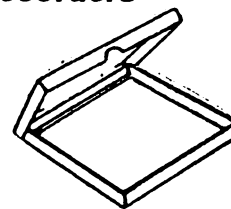
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CONVENTION 2000: UPDATE # 2

October 19 – 22, 2000

General Information

All information about Seating, Ads, Registration, Rooms are on the first update that came with the flyer. Also, don't forget to let me know what you are eating for Thursday and please preregister. If you do not let me know what food you want on Thursday, you will get London Broil. Those coming for the day will save \$5 a day by preregistering. Also, if you are coming for the day only, you will not have to stand in line and fill out a registration card if you preregister. Don't forget the package prices. ...Remember: Those people paying for the day must pay an extra \$10 if they want to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres. The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only.

Parking overnight is now \$10 a night per car. All convention goers are NOT being charged. If you wish to stay for the re-creations at night and you do not stay for dinner, the cost is \$15.

Guest Changes

New Guests: Harold Johnson (Sound Effects)

Returnees: Harry Fleetwood, Shirley Eggleston

Not Coming: Norma Jean Nilsson, Don Buka

Uncertain: Peg Lynch

Dealers

There are a few tables left. The Fourth Supplement of my Ultimate History of Network Programming will be available. Please send me any last minute information by October 1, especially new shows. Also available will be the fourth supplement to my Necrology Log.

Workshops and Re-creations

The complete schedule as of September 7th is enclosed. Re-creation, workshop and panel leaders please take notice. Please make sure that all your participants are aware of the times for rehearsals and performances. If you need anything special, please let me know. If your people need rides, make sure Bill Nadel knows what time they have to be at the convention. He should be called by October 1st (212) 724-0763.

Raffle

There will be a raffle on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. If you would like to donate prizes, please let me know. We depend on the money received from the raffle and the sale of books, records, tapes, t-shirts and pins at the FOTR table to help pay for the many guests we have at our convention. We will have a special 25th anniversary item for sale as well as a handout for convention goers. We also will have tote bags and mugs for sale

Books

Books on sale at the convention as of now follow. If authors are tentatively coming, they are marked by an asterisk (*): **Think Big** by *Dick Beals; **Bix, The Leon Bix Bellderbecke Story** by Phil and Linda Evans; **The Witch's Tale** by *Dave Siegel; **Let's Pretend** by *Arthur Anderson; **Arthur Godfrey** by *Arthur Singer; **Radio's Captain Midnight** by Stephen Kallis, Jr.; **I Have a Lady in the Balcony** by *George Ansbro; **Encyclopedia of Radio** by Luther Sles; **Radio Live - Television Live** by *Bob Mott; **The Andrews Sisters Story** by *John Sforza; **Radio's Golden Years** by *Bobb Lynes and Frank Bresee; **This Was Radio** by *Ron Lackmann; **Encyclopedia of American Radio** by *Ron Lackmann (Update of Same Time - Same Station)

Hotel

Don't forget to reserve your rooms quickly. They may very soon be all sold out. Call the Holiday Inn-North directly during business hours for reservations (1-973-589-1000) and ask for Anita. Also call the 800 numbers for Howard Johnson and the Sheraton for the best prices.

A tentative schedule Follows (As of September 10th)

Wednesday Night and Thursday Morning: The sound equipment and the stage will be set up. Dealers will set up.
Wednesday Evening; Complementary Wine and Cheese from 6 pm to 10 pm.

Thursday: The sound equipment and the stage will be set up. Dealers will be open at 10 am.

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| 1:00 - 2:30 | Fan tryout for Mystery Theater (Dresden) (Dave Zwengler) |
| 2:30 - 4:00 | Rehearsal for Mystery Theater |
| 4:00 - 5:30 | Rehearsal for Dragnet (Arthur Anderson) |
| 4:45 - 5:30 | Doc Savage; talk and re-creation (Tom Powers and friends) |
| 5:30 - 7:45 | Cocktails and Dinner; raffle |
| 8:00 - 8:45 | Original re-creation by Michael Leannah (Dragnet parody) directed by Arthur Anderson) |
| (Rehearsal 4 - 5:30 pm; reading 2:45 - 3:45 pm) | |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | Entertainment by Johnny Western |
| 9:45 - 10:30 | Original re-creation of Mystery Theater (Molle) by fans |

Friday Morning and Afternoon

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| 9:00 - 9:45 | Top Ten Radio Comedy/Mystery shows (Gary Yoggy) |
| 10:00 - 10:45 | Sound Effects Workshop (Sue Zizza and Guests) She will then use the Sutton Room for further workshops and demonstrations on Friday and Saturday. |
| 11:00 - 11:45 | Westerns (Mitchell Weisberg); Guests; (Johnny Western and Will Hutchins) |
| 12:00 - 12:45 | Jean Shepard (Max Schmid) |
| 1:00 - 2:00 | Peg Lynch talks about Ethel and Albert and other radio experiences; with Ron Lackmann and George Ansbro |
| 2:15 - 3:15 | Mel Blanc (Mary Lou Wallace and Walt Mitchell) |
| 3:30 - 4:30 | Father Knows Best - Panel with cast (Gary Yoggy) |
| 4:45 - 5:30 | (Re-creation) Gotham Players present Escape "The Blue Wall;" Directed by Steve Lewis; Produced by Max Schmid (Rehearsal; 3:00 - 4:30) |

Friday Evening

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| 5:30 - 7:45 | Cocktails and Dinner, raffle |
| 8:00 - 8:15 | "The Glad Gladwyns" with Rosemary Rice and Bob Hastings (Rehearsal 11:15 - 11:45 am) |
| 8:15 - 9:00 | (Re-creation) Richard Diamond (Bob Hastings and Rosemary Rice) Dir. by Don Ramlow) |
| (Rehearsal 1:30 - 3:00; Reading 12:15 - 1:15) | |
| 9:15 - 9:45 | Rosa Rio Presents... |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | (Re-creation) The Six Shooter with Will Hutchins and Dick Beals; Dir. by Anthony Tollin |
| (Rehearsal 12:00 - 1:30; Reading 10:45 - 11:45) | |

Saturday Morning and Afternoon

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| 9:00 - 9:45 | "Who Wants to Be an OTR Champion?" (Mitchell Weisberg, Dave Zwengler) |
| 10:00 - 10:45 | Humorous Look at the Lone Ranger (Derek Tague and Jim Nixon with Fred Foy) |
| 11:00 - 11:45 | Andrew Sisters panel (with John Sforza, author of Andrews sisters Book) Gary Yoggy, Boogie Woogie Girls |
| 12:00 - 12:45 | Re-creation by Hunterdon Radio Theatre. Original production based on Edgar Allen Poe's Tell-Tale Heart called "The Broken Shutter." |
| 1:00 - 1:45 | Panel by Jack French "Hollywood Old-time Radio Gossips" |
| 2:00 - 3:15 | Amos 'n' Andy, a retrospective; includes one 15-minute episode (Art Gilmore) (Anthony Tollin will chair) |
| 3:30 - 4:45 | Singers, musicians and Big Bands, Part 4 (Stu Weiss and Michael Henry) with possible guests; Gale Storm, Eileen Farrell, Ann DeMarco, Johnny Western, Rose Rio |
| 5:00 - 5:30 | Re-creation: Mr. Keen; directed by Bill Nadel (Rehearsal 4 - 5; Reading 3 - 3:45) |

Saturday Evening

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| 5:30 - 7:45 | Cocktails and Dinner, raffle, awards |
| 8:00 - 8:30 | Ethel and Albert (one program) with Peg Lynch and Bob Hastings; (Rehearsal 10:30 - 11:15 am) |
| 8:45 - 9:30 | (Re-creation) Let's Pretend; Cinderella (Directed by Arthur Anderson) Rosemary Rice as Cinderella (Rehearsal 1 - 2:30; Reading 11:45 - 12:45) |
| 9:30 - 9:45 | Awards |
| 9:45 - 10:30 | (Re-creation) Father Knows Best with Arthur Anderson, Toni Gillman, Rhoda Williams, Sam Edwards (directed by Gary Yoggy) (Rehearsal 2:30 - 4:00; Reading 1:15 - 2:15) |